

Appl. No.: 09/765,841  
Amdt. dated August 18, 2003  
Reply to Office action of June 17, 2003

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has received the Final Office Action dated June 17, 2003, in which claims 1-15 and 17-18 were rejected as anticipated by *Arikawa et al.*

In this response, Applicant has amended claims 1, 6, 13 and 18. Based on the amendments above and the arguments which follow, all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

#### **I. CLAIMS 1-5**

Applicant has amended claim 1 to partially recite "directly disposed" rather than "juxtaposed" to make explicit that which was implicit. Applicant asserts that this amendment does not further limit the claim, but that juxtaposed as used was intended to mean directly disposed. Claim 1 finds support in the Specification, page 3, lines 19-22 and Figure 3.

Applicant asserts that *Arikawa et al.* fail to teach, suggest or even imply a transfective element directly disposed to a transparent element. Rather, in *Arikawa et al.*, a polarized-light separating member is located between the transfective and transparent elements. Therefore, for at least these reasons, *Arikawa et al.* does not anticipate claim 1.

Claims 2-5 are allowable because they depend from claim 1 and contain additional patentable limitations.

#### **II. CLAIMS 6-12**

Amended claim 6 partially recites a transfective element directly disposed between a light generating element and a light-transmissive element. Claim 6 finds support in the Specification, page 3, lines 19-22 and Figure 3.

Applicant asserts that *Arikawa et al.* fail to teach, suggest or even imply a transfective element directly disposed between a light generating element and a light-transmissive element. Thus, *Arikawa et al.* does not anticipate claim 6.

Claims 7-12 are allowable because they depend from claim 6 and contain additional patentable limitations.

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### III. CLAIMS 13-15 AND 17

Amended claim 13 partially recites a transfective element directly disposed to a transparent element. Claim 13 finds support in the Specification, page 3, lines 19-22 and Figure 3.

Applicant asserts that *Arikawa et al.* fail to teach, suggest or even imply a transfective element directly disposed to a transparent element. Therefore, *Arikawa et al.* does not anticipate claim 13.

Claims 14-15 and 17 are allowable because they depend from claim 13 and contain additional patentable limitations.

### IV. CLAIM 18

Amended claim 18 partially recites a transfective element directly disposed to a transparent element. Claim 18 finds support in the Specification, page 3, lines 19-22 and Figure 3.

Applicant asserts that *Arikawa et al.* fail to teach, suggest or even imply a transfective element directly disposed to a transparent element. Therefore, for at least these reasons, *Arikawa et al.* does not anticipate claim 18.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite the resolution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

In the course of the foregoing discussions, Applicant may have at times referred to claim limitations in shorthand fashion, or may have focused on a particular claim element. This discussion should not be interpreted to mean that the other limitations can be ignored or dismissed. The claims must be viewed as a whole, and each limitation of the claims must be considered when determining the patentability of the claims. Moreover, it should be understood that there may be other distinctions between the claims and the prior art which have yet to be raised, but which may be raised in the future.

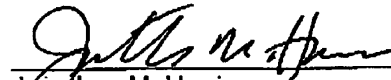
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Packard Company Deposit Account Number 08-2025 and enter any time extension(s) necessary to prevent this case from being abandoned.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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